

Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a method for recording in thermoplastic materials, classified in class 430, subclass 2; and

Group II, claims 13-17, drawn to an apparatus for recording in thermoplastic materials, classified in class 359, subclass 35.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-12.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark E. Olds (Reg. No. 46,507) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a four (4) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$\$720.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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